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Examiner: Todd D. WARE

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In re: Application of: Anand R. BAICHWAL, et al.

Serial No.: 09/676,376

Filed: September 29, 2000

For: **SUSTAINED RELEASE MATRIX SYSTEMS
FOR HIGHLY SOLUBLE DRUGS****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 3, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2001, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMSPlease **cancel** claim 14, without prejudice.Please **amend** claims 1, 15-16, 21, 24, 42, 43, 45, 46 and 61 as follows:

1. (Amended) A sustained release oral solid dosage form comprising a mixture of:
a therapeutically effective amount of a medicament having a solubility of more than about 10 g/l;
a pH modifying agent comprising an organic acid; and
a sustained release granulate, the sustained release granulate comprising a gelling agent, said gelling agent comprising a heteropolysaccharide gum and a homopolysaccharide gum capable of cross-linking said heteropolysaccharide gum when exposed to an environmental fluid,

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